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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTI-
NATIONAL ENTERPRISES (CIME); NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INCEN-
TIVES/DISINCENTIVES

REF: PARIS 2475

1. WE ARE CANVASSING USG AGENCIES ON QUESTIONNAIRE ON
LEGAL SITUATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENT COM-
PANIES FOR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES. THIS SHOULD BE READY BY
MARCH 31.

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2. U.S. WILL NOT FORMALLY REPLY TO REQUEST IN LAST PARA-
GRAPH OF LETTER FOR COMMENTS ON NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING
NATIONAL TREATMENT MADE BY OTHER COUNTRIES. WE WILL
HOWEVER, BE CIRCULATING IME(77)18 TO U.S. EMBASSIES IN
OECD CAPITALS FOR COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SUBMIS-
SIONS.

3. WE HAVE CONTACTED USA-BIAC, U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE U.S. COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO GATHER MATERIAL ON NATIONAL TREATMENT AS PART OF THE APRIL CIME DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. WE PLAN TO RAISE ILLUSTRATIVE CASES (DRAWING ON REAL PROBLEMS WHICH

U.S. FIRMS HAVE FACED REGARDING NATIONAL TREATMENT) AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN IME(77)18.

4. ON BASIS OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SURVEY BASED ON EMBASSY REPORTING AND PRIVATE SOURCES, U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO TABLE DISCUSSION PAPER (AND PROVIDE SECRETARIAT WITH BASIC DATA) ON U.S. SURVEY ON INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES AND RELATED PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AMONG OECD COUNTRIES. U.S. VIEW IS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CASES WITHOUT SOUND UNDERSTANDING OF NATURE AND EXTENT OF INCENTIVES AMONG OECD COUNTRIES. U.S. DISCUSSION PAPER WILL ALSO CONSIDER CLOSELY LINKED ISSUES OF PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. U.S. IS NOT PREPARED TO INTRODUCE INDIVIDUAL CASES AT THIS TIME. U.S. BELIEVES THAT IF THE CIME IS TO MAKE PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES FOR THE 1979 REVIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE BROAD NATURE OF INCENTIVES AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS BE REVIEWED AT THIS STAGE.

5. OUR AIM IS TO ESTABLISH SOLID BASIS FOR CIME CONSIDER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATION OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (E.G. NATIONAL TREATMENT, INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES) TO BALANCE CONCENTRATION THUS FAR ON GUIDELINES FOR MNES. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SUB-GROUP TO HANDLE BOTH NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES. VANCE

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